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"PATENT APPLICATION"

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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A METHOD FOR FIXING A MINERAL  
FILLER ON CELLULOSIC FIBERS AND  
METHOD FOR MAKING A SHEET OF PAPER- - - - -  
Alexandria, Virginia  
February 13, 2002Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice.

Add new claims 16-30 as follows:

A' -- 16. (New) A method for affixing mineral fillers  
on cellulose fibers in an aqueous suspension comprising  
providing a reaction medium of an aqueous suspension of  
cellulose fibers, said suspension being derived from a  
papermaking procedure and containing hydrogen carbonates,  
carbonates or silicates of alkali and/or earth alkali  
metals, and adding a hydroxide of a mineral filler to said